

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. &amp; ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/~~ESCAPED~~ FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE.For All Personnel.

1. No. 0 793138 Rank 2/Lt Name TRIPP George I. (Jun)  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 29.  
Left shoulder, arm and left thigh severely bruised.
3. Were you wounded? Give details Slight scratches on right side of neck (cause unknown)
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 485 Fighter Bomber Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 370 F'ter B.Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Pilot.
7. Date of Birth 7 Aug 1920. 8. Length of Service 3 yrs 11 mths.
9. Peace time occupation Mess Attendant. 10. Private address 57, ROCHESTER ST, BERGEN, N.YORK.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Escape Picutres.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U. ....
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit .....

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS  
WHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Pilot.
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.  
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
- PILOT TRIPP, George I. (Jr)
- CO-PILOT .....
- NAVIGATOR .....
- BOMBARDIER .....
- RADIO OPERATOR .....
- TOP TURRET GUNNER .....
- BALL TURRET GUNNER .....
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) .....
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) .....
- TAIL GUNNER .....
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure P 38 J5. ANDOVER, HANTS, 25 JUN 44. 0630 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? LES MESNIL GERMAIN. (NWE Sheet 7. Q 5078. )
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French People took parachute and mae west and buried them.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Had no papers. I.F.F. Equipment destroyed before leaving plane.

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Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)  
Date 24 Aug 44

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Attached: French People took papers. I.S.9 (WEA) (NWS sheet 7. 9 5078.)  
Appendix "XX"  
"XX"  
"XX"  
Had no papers. I.S.9 (WEA) (NWS sheet 7. 9 5078.)  
Disposal: U.K. before leaving plane.  
Major G.S.



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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**The Adjutant General's Office**  
**Washington**

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

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**TO:** The Commanding Generals,  
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Army Air Forces;  
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;  
The Commanding Generals,  
Theaters of Operations;  
Defense Commands;  
Departments;  
Base Commands;  
The Commanding Officers,  
Base Commands;  
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

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2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.
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/s/ J. A. ULIO  
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Major General,  
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  - a You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.
    - (1) The names of those who helped you.
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    - (3) The route you followed.
    - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.
  - b You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
  - c You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
  - d You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.
  - e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

**CERTIFICATE**

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is **SECRET** and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) GEORGE I. TRIPP, JR.  
Rank 1st LT. A. S. N. 0-743138  
Unit 485th F/B SQ. 370th F/B GP.

Signed George I. Tripp, Jr.  
Dated 8/26/44  
Witness William G. M.

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5 Les Mesnil Germain - 5 Lisieux

25 June - Andover - No 4, in 31 ft - over west No 1 has 3 take

but - 1 in 2. Out after 30 west  
4th ft attach - turn into attach after getting on banks & tails -

In turn something bit shy - not decided. Hit a 109

Smoke in campy - getting - chick behind me - <sup>slightly</sup> not going out 1st time  
c 9000' - out over left wing - <sup>it's something - back to the jam side</sup> tumble out - over c 4500' -

Destroyed Start shed equipment @ save few minutes on ground.

1 FF in That what do when hit ground.

plan. Land in wheel - fell in clear spot - pick up chit - go c 20 yds to fence.

Just to start to work - for say Venz, Venz - long go take chit  
to take in another. Paul Le Cor, Le Mesnil Germain - took me to  
his farmhouse.

Have  
c 500 yds  
from when  
fell.

Fed. Civ clothes. During day had shakes & sev visitors.

Put in fake upland behind clothes chit - shirten gun - I shot possibly  
painted.

In evening family visit - the speak some of - shirten - do as told.

Man was met by now - short dog tag = Lionel Goucher - <sup>it told me to put</sup> at place buried.

Girl later given note, enclosed - also ring

Found at St Marguerite des Loges - (2/10/40)

Saw one of these in pictures for 9/P.

Late M St 2/10/41 (?) of Livarot come - say they have come with me to place  
near Austrailon with husband.

He took me by bike to farm N Livarot - in - not Major McLeod

LT McIntosh. I taken walking farther N - to M Le petoukha  
into cider mill - fuel - given bits - up to Le Mesnil

out to his house - mmm 2 small children Jean Perry. Marie Antoinette

Don't do. Met Typhon P been stuffing Caes. Lisieux <sup>no</sup> - George Martin  
Taken to sleep in St Pierre - on Michel II

Met Mme Picquot / Marcel & T. there home.

Visit George Marti frequently.

Stefan Chyt - Czech - his wife Petrunka w/U.S.S.R + Major - No 3 Cds.

Stefan Chyl - Czech - his wife is a w/d. in  
This to 7<sup>th</sup> July saw Frank Wm + G. C. D. Reginald Edwards -

8<sup>th</sup> July 95 grip to hand - can just aim - tried door - locked - go next door -  
B. leave. 'Brother' but 9/12.

Then moved with above 2 - lbs. at hair for dinner & out.

Heard M Sylvestre 1c Merrill & Lucie, bring food -  
 son Lucian & boys friends his over kept out

Learn M. Sylvester to Melvin from  
Isaac & boys friends his over Lepetuksha's  
(21-23) only couple over - by 15 min. in occasionally.

Now Piguet think good more.

Mr Piguet think good move.  
C28 but move to another bar c 200 yds from collabnats's home -  
1/5 light. Piguet dunnies sygn.

c 25 but, move to another place. L's left, Pigot Dennis says.  
c 100 yds left + mika. using Jennette Laurin - Lionel Baucher.

Knows talent - who has had a couple tennis.

Told that I'll be helped.

None Pigment not used & leave

C 9 bag of Mrs P's for supper

Metaphor Edward

On 7 May Lucien got Frank Corio - a Roman - to his radiometer & the Masinil  
I been here.  
L. Corio - had some

On May 1950  
M. P. Bach (?) at T. Merrill Anderson - spk Eng - had son &  
then S. Lammitt - P-47 (bar bar)

Urs Bach 1786  
Urs G. Lammert - 1787 (van Lamm)

mom took upstairs - B-26 shot down - we to go to base but j

plan. 1 1 1 1 ? mm back made in distal.

low. Some look like 2 mm tracks made in dirt. L + yellow in another place (P)

Some look like 2 mm insect  
G got pair from 1st ch + - for 1st place  
at transition -

1235 - lead flt - No 2 position -

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A ship - but the Piguet's Van - away from me  
3 destroyers - 3 destroyers are in line by bow  
The destroyers.

A ship - but the 1st yr.  
 Tues Mar 1941 in excited - 3 sent you on my leave long looking  
 immediately - did - that collaboration had called in sent you.  
 for him.

immediately - did - the  
later 6th of June found & buried.

St  
Pierre  
des  
Fleurs



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2d Lt George I Tripp, Jr, 0743138, 458/370 Fighter Group, MIA 15 June 1944  
 Intrvd 26 Aug 1944

On 15 June TRIPP landed near Les Mesnil Germain, S of Lisieux, after making a delayed jump from 9900 to 1500'. He landed in an orchard and was picked up just as he was starting to the woods. Paul LeCOR took him to his farmhouse near Le Mesnil Germain where he fed him and gave him civilian clothes. During the day he had the shakes and also several visitors. He was put in a false cupboard. The house, incidentally, was about 500 yards from the place where he fell. That evening a family visited; the daughter spoke some English.

In the next day or so a couple of men came; one of them had the dog tag of Lionel Gaucher. Tripp told the man to put it at the place where the man was buried. A girl later brought Tripp the note given at the end of the report.

M Stalant (spelling) of Livarot came and offered the alternatives of staying or of going to a place where an Australian with a broken leg was. Stalant and Tripp went by bicycle to a farm N of Livarot where Major McLEOD and Lt McINTOSH were, E&E. Tripp was walked farther N to M Lepetoukha, put in a cider mill, fed, given a bicycle and taken up to Le Mesnil. He stayed at the house of M Lepetoukha with the two small children, Jean Pierre and Marie Antoinette. He met a Typhoon B who had been strafing the Caen-Lisieux road on D-day, W/O George Martin. He was taken to sleep in St Pierre. He met Mme Picquot and Marcel and went to their house. He visited Georges Martin frequently. A Czech named Stefan Chyt lived with Lepetoukha.

About 7-8 July he saw T/Sgt Frank Coon, E&E?, and Reginald Edwards, an Eng W/O or sgt-major of No 3 Cdo. He met M Sylvester of Le Mesnil Aude, his son Lucien, and some of his son's friends. A Maire brought food. He saw Lepetoukha. L and the Picquots were furnishing food.

About 16 July Helen LeChallier who was using the name Henriette Laurent brought Lionel Gaucher's ring.

He saw Stalant occasionally and was told that he was the 11th aviator whom he had helped. Cf E&E, Major Francis and Co.

M Pierre Bach (questionable spelling) at le Mesnil Aude, spoke English, had sheltered an American airman, a P-47 P, and an English Lancaster man. (The first two have reported to 63 Brook Street.)

On 4 Aug they went to Mme Picquot's (or Piquarot) house for supper and met her nephew Edouard. On 7 Aug Lucien got Frank Coon, an RO, to fix a radi at Le Mesnil Aude.

presumably from 585/394 Bomb Gp, 1128  
About 1235 a B-26 was shot down. Lt Collen, E&E?, was in another plane of the formation. The plane that went down was in lead flight, number two position. The bodies of four men from it were brought to the Picquot's barn and the funeral was arranged. The Germans came unexpectedly to claim the bodies which they seemed to take to St Pierre des Hiver for immediate burial. The family suspected that a collaborator had reported to the Germans where the bodies were. They seem to have suspected one Comte D'Anion (questionable spelling). A sixth body from the crew was later found and buried.

On 12 Aug Tripp moved to the Piquot's barn. The Germans set up an hq in a nearby church. Some refugees who had come a couple of weeks before were also in the barn.

Helene said that Stalant had to leave in July because the Gestapo were on his trail. They were supposed to have caught two of his boys, torturing one and killing the other.

Lucien Sylvester picked up the P and another member of a B-26 crew and took them to Lisieux; Tripp had no further information about them.

About 16-17 Aug the place became too thick with Germans, and the three evaders went to see Martin, passing about 200 Germans in the yard. The Germans came to Lepetoukha's house and stayed in the same house with Martin. Tripp and friends went back to a barn in which they had originally been and had a number of near misses. Tripp left to be in the open in case of danger. Lucien and one of his boys took the evaders over to sleep with a refugee named Albert. There they stayed under a lot of shelling. A couple of French boys were picked up on the suspicion that they were English. About 21 Aug the Tommies came in. Tripp went back to a brigade of 51 Highlanders who did not like P-38's because of what they had recently suffered from them, and he tactfully did not divulge that he was a fighter P. He visited Mme Piquot, went back to div, corps, and to an English air strip from which he was sent to Bayeux and back to England. DDE

NB: Helene gave a note to the following effect, 10/6/44 trans: "Ce Dimanche 25 Juin 1944 7<sup>h</sup>15 J'ai trouve le corp de cotre camarade tomber sur le territoire Francais au lieu de Ste Marguerite (commune) (Sous prefecture Lisieux) des Loges

(Prefecture Cagn) Departement (Calvados) seul chose trouve sur lui meme a liance aucun papier le tous bruler. LI NEL GAUCHER



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12 Aug to Mr Piquet's bar.  
Greeted by in Renslyte / church.

Some refugees also in bar - some 2-3 weeks before.

Stalder had leave in July because of his on trial -  
think on trial. - from / Helen.

Gustav got 2 of his boys - killed in - torturing other

himself, later for pick-up of P & another under 1 year of B-26  
don - he took 2 of the y to Lisieux - not far since.

C 4-5 days in bar.

The last movement - c 30 refugees for which -

c 16-17

Then we are plan full of B-26 better go in / have been.

3 leave on by on - go in Marti - c 200 B around 80.

It comes to Legitimacy bar - go 11 room - 3 leave room - my bill 800

Marti is staying in his house with B.

Go to bar <sup>chateau</sup> a little bit later in.

For eggs come - leave. Then B come - put at door - staying tel. wire.

I hear that not to be in your - c 20 min back - in 2 boys moving out.

I go next - ask when going - get M. Bach's radio report.

Met Lucien & on / his boys - Lucien give me - ask when going - we tell full B

2 in more - he has on ship with a refugee about -

Stay there: Last movement.

5 killed last couple days

April 15 boys picked y requested  
big G.

Go to Jan who told Tommie was that at - 10-12  
soldier - in - patrol - for boy - was always of by troops -  
21 May 0 with patrol say to lead in - ask identification information.

Back to <sup>12-14</sup> Div S1 / Highlanders - who shot like P-38's

Went into Mon Pigout

Back to Div; Corps, to Garrison - RAF, met S/Ldr  
~~Robert~~ Robinson! Then to Bayeux.

T. FH 5 troop 14. - back.

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Rank 2nd LT. A. S. N. 0-743138  
Unit 785th F/BSQ. 374th F/B GP.

Signed George I. Tripp, Jr.  
Dated 8/26/44  
Witness (Signature)

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SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 15/10/44

Date arrived in UK: 25 AUG 1944

TRIPP, GEORGE I. JR. Ind CT 0-743138  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

29 (No. of missions)

485th F/B Sqdn 370th F/B Gr.  
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what  
happened to each man  
and how you know.

PILOT TRIPP, GEORGE I. JR.

CO-PILOT NO ONE

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Decorations: AIR MEDAL - 2 Clusters

Date of Birth: AUGUST 7 1920

Private Address: 54 Rochester St. BERGEN, N.Y.

Length of Service: 3 YRS. 10 mos. 24 days

Job as Civilian: MESS ATTENDANT USMA

From what field did you take off? Take off time, ANDOVER - 06130

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? NO PAPERS CARRIED - IFF DESTROYED BEFORE BAILING OUT.

Were you wounded? Give details. Scratches ON RIGHT SIDE OF NECK - SEVERE BRUISES ON LEFT ARM AND LEFT THIGH.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? NO

Do you speak FRENCH? NO SPANISH? NO GERMAN? NO ITALIAN? NO OTHER LANGUAGE? NO

Did you have identity papers? YES (FRENCH Identity CARD)

DOG TAGS

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?  
BRITISH ARMY - BAYEUX

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When? No

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? No

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When? YES - BRITISH ARMY BAYEUX

Date of arrival in Spain: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. BY AIR - AIRSTRIP 14  
25 AUG. 1944

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.



SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0743138 2nd LT. TRIPP, GEORGE F. JR.

Unit:- 4854th F/B Sq. 370th F/B Gr.

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *YES*
- b. If not, why? —
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets. *ONE DAY WHEN FOOD WAS SCARCE*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *NOT IN BOX*

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *DIDN'T USE*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *DIDN'T USE*

Matches. *LIGHT CANDLE AT NIGHT*

Adhesive tape. *DIDN'T USE*

Chewing gum. *GAVE TO CHILDREN*

Water bottle. *DIDN'T USE*

Compass. *GAVE TO HELPERS AS I HAD LARGER POCKET COMPASS*

Sewing kit. *GAVE TO HELPERS*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *FRENCH PEOPLE BURIED IT.*
- f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

*NO*

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *YES*  
State color of stripes and letters.  
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *YES*

(over)



c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? FRANCE

Compass. NO

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? CIGARETTES

FRANCE 1000 FRANCES  
BELGIUM -  
HOLLAND -

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. FRENCH HELPERS

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency. FRENCH HELPERS

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? COMPASS -

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES

If so, how many? 12

b. Did you use them? IDENTITY CARD

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

ATCHEAM - Jan 1944 - BN EVADER  
GOXHILL - Feb 1944  
ANDOVER - Apr 1944

b. Did you find the lectures of value? YES

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

TO DO AS THE PEOPLE TELL YOU AS THEY HAVE  
AN UNCANNY SENSE OF DOING THINGS RIGHT

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

TRIPP, GEORGE I. Jr. 3rd Lt. 0-74388  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
1854th F/B Co. 3704th F/B Co.  
(Unit)

26/8/44  
(Date)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT  
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT  
CO-PILOT  
NAVIGATOR  
BOMBARDIER  
RADIO OPERATOR  
TOP TURRET GUNNER  
BALL TURRET GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 25 JUNE 1944 07:10  
10 MILES South of LIBREUX (LES MESNIL - GERMAN)

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
RADIO SHOT OUT AND SMOKE ENTERED COCKPIT - 4TH ZONE Hood But Smoke  
GOT THICKER STILL AND COULD FEEL HEAT BUT SAW NO FIRE. PEOPLE WHO FIRST SAW  
NO SAID PLANE WAS ON FIRE BEFORE IT HIT THE GROUND.  
At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 9000'

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? NO CREW

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? NO OTHER CREW

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? YES AND BURNED

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
NO OTHER CREW

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew  
were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the  
other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. ~~RECEIVED FROM 1st Lt. DOG TAG~~

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? YES  
TOTALY DESTROYED AS IT WENT IN NOSE FIRST AND MOST OF THE PLANE WAS  
UNDER GROUND.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was  
source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that  
would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for  
his opinion? NO OTHER CREW.

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